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C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 14130

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EO 11652: XGDS  
TAGS: PDIP, PN  
SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATY

REF: (A) STATE 200243, (B) MEXICO 13958

1. I REACHED FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL EVENING AUGUST 23. I TOLD HIM THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD INSTRUCTED THAT I URGENTLY ASK PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO WHETHER HE WOULD COME TO WASHINGTON FOR A PANAMA CANAL TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY IF INVITED UNDER THE OAS UMBRELLA BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS. I SAID THE DATES CURRENTLY CONTEMPLATED WERE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 6 AND 9 AND THAT TORRIJOS HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND. I CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT WE BELIEVE SUCH A CEREMONY, WITH ALL THE HEMISPHERE'S HEADS OF STATE IN ATTENDANCE, WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARD USHERING IN A NEW ERA IN HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS.

2. ROEL TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THIS PROPOSAL. HE NOTED THAT THE PROPOSED DATES WERE VERY DIFFICULT INASMUCH AS THEY INCLUDE THE PERIOD WHEN THE PRESIDENT IS STILL HEAVILY INVOLVED IN BOTH CEREMONIAL  
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ACTS AND SUBSTANTIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH STATE GOVERNORS AND OTHER OFFICIALS FROM AROUND THE NATION WHO WILL COME TO MEXICO CITY FOR HIS SEPTEMBER 1 STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS.

3. SECRETARY ROEL SAID THAT HE WOULD CONSULT THE PRESIDENT AND LET ME KNOW. I REMINDED HIM THAT THE WHITE

HOUSE WOULD APPRECIATE AN URGENT RESPONSE. ROEL SAID HE  
UNDERSTOOD AND WOULD HOPE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH ME IN THE  
COURSE OF THE DAY OF AUGUST 24. THOMPSON

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